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TO LARRY EAGLEBURGER FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

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TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER  
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

1. HAVE JUST MET WITH DINITZ AND BROUGHT HIM UP TO DATE ON THE FAHMI DEMANDS REGARDING THE LETTER TO THE SYG. ALSO EXPLAINED WHAT I HAD TOLD DOBRYNIN WITH REGARD TO THE "TIMING" ISSUE.

2. DINITZ EXPLAINED THAT ONLY ON THURSDAY HAD HE KNOWN THAT THE PASSAGE IN THE ORIGINAL DRAFT ON FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE HAD BEEN MODIFIED TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO PALESTINIAN AND LEBANESE PARTICIPATION. WHEN HE DISCUSSED WITH YOU THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING THEIR DESIRED SPECIFICATION OF UNANIMITY IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RATHER THAN IN THE LETTER ITSELF, HE SAYS HE DID IT ON THE BASIS OF THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE, NOT THE MODIFIED LANGUAGE "THE QUESTION OF THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PALESTINIANS AND LEBANON." IN ANY EVENT, HE SAYS THAT HIS SUGGESTION WAS REPUDIATED BY HIS GOVERNMENT, WHICH INSISTS THAT THE IDEA OF UNANIMITY, TO HAVE ANY MEANING, MUST BE IN THE PUBLIC LETTER, NOT A PRIVATE UNDERSTANDING

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3. I AVOIDED HAVING TO COMMENT ON OUR POSITION ON THE "U.N. AUSPICES" ISSUE, BUT DINITZ EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT AS BEING "ABSOLUTELY AND DEFINITELY" AGAINST A CONFERENCE UNDER U.N. AUSPICES, AND WOULD PREFER THE RESTORATION OF THE PHRASE, "U.S.-SOVIET AUSPICES."

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4. IN SUMMING UP, DINITZ REITERATED THEIR ABSOLUTE OPPOSITION TO THE "TIMING" PHRASE, AND EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE AT OUR SUPPORT ON THAT POINT. HE STATED THAT THE ISRAELI FIRST PREFERENCE WOULD BE

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FOR THE ORIGINAL DRAFT WORDING WHICH DID NOT SPECIFY LEBANON AND THE PALESTINIANS BY NAME, PLUS THE ADDITION OF THE PHRASE REQUIRING UNANIMITY ON FUTURE PARTICIPATION. FAILING THAT, THEY WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THE PHRASING "THE QUESTION OF THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PALESTINIANS AND LEBANON" PLUS THE REQUIREMENT OF UNANIMITY SPECIFIED IN THE LETTER TO THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE AND AN AGREEMENT ON UNANIMITY AS PART OF THE U.S.-ISRAELI UNDERSTANDING. DINITZ SAID HE HOPES THAT THE LANGUAGE OF THE LETTER CAN BE CLEARED UP PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL IN TEL AVIV.

5. DINITZ REPORTED THAT THE DAYAN MEETING WITH SCHLESINGER WAS FAR DIFFERENT FROM THAT WITH CLEMENTS (WHICH HE UNILATERALLY ASCRIBED TO OUR INTERVENTION BETWEEN MEETINGS). HE SAID THAT SCHLESINGER WAS QUITE MODERATE, STATED THAT SOME ITEMS OF SUPPLY, SUCH AS STAND-OFF WEAPONS, WERE ISSUES OF AVAILABILITY AND THAT OTHERS, SUCH AS THE F-4 BECAUSE OF ITS SYMBOLISM, WERE INDEED ISSUES FOR POLITICAL DECISION. DINITZ SAID THAT DAYAN CAME AWAY FROM THIS MEETING IN A CONSIDERABLY BETTER FRAME OF MIND THAN THE GLOOM WHICH THE CLEMENTS MEETING HAD ENGENDERED. (I DID NOT DISCUSS WITH SCHLESINGER THE APPROACH HE SHOULD TAKE WITH DAYAN, SO THAT THE MORE FORTHCOMING APPROACH WAS ONE WHICH HE DECIDED UPON HIMSELF.)

6. DAYAN HAS NOW DEPARTED FOR TEL AVIV. DINITZ SAYS HE PLANS TO LEAVE ON WEDNESDAY, AND WILL BE IN TEL AVIV FOR YOUR ARRIVAL.

7. WARM REGARDS.

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